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NEGOTIATIONS.

REF: FALKIEWITCZ/KELLY/SARROS TELECON, 6/18/74

WHITE HOUSE PASS PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AZORES FOR ANDREW
FALKIEWITCZ

FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT ON STATUS AZORES BASE NEGOTIA-
TIONS SUGGESTED FOR RELEASE ON IF ASKED BASIS:

US MILITARY FORCES HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN THE AZORES
SINCE NOVEMBER, 1944. SINCE THAT TIME, THE US AND PORTU-
GAL HAVE PERIODICALLY RENEWED AGREEMENTS GOVERNING US USE
OF AZORES FACILITIES. THE PRESENT EXTENSION, WHICH DATES
FROM 1969, EXPIRED ON FEBRUARY 2, 1974. NEGOTIATIONS FOR
ITS RENEWAL BEGAN IN LATE 1973 AND ARE CONTINUING. UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT, THERE IS AN AUTOMATIC
SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE NEGOTIATING PERIOD BEYOND THE
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DATE OF EXPIRATION. IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED WITHIN THAT

TIME, FURTHER EXTENSIONS MAY BE MADE BY MUTUAL CONSENT.

BEGIN FYI: PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING BOOK CONTAINS CONTINGENCY
TALKING POINT ON AZORES NEGOTIATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED BACK-
GROUND OF US MILITARY PRESENCE IN AZORES IS GIVEN PARA-
GRAPH ONE OF THAT TALKING POINT AND MAY BE USEFUL IF PRESS
QUERIES ARISE THIS SUBJECT. END FYI. SISCO

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